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Addendum

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III. PROGRAMME QUESTIONS

D. Evaluation

4. Implementation of the recommendations of the Committee for Programme and Coordination on the evaluation of the programmes on development issues and policies

1. At its 7th to 9th meetings, on 15 to 17 May 1991, the Committee considered the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the recommendations of the Committee for Programme and Coordination on the evaluation of the programmes on development issues and policies (E/AC.51/1991/5).

Conclusions and recommendations

2. The Committee welcomed General Assembly resolution 45/264, which was adopted on 13 May 1991 and which contained decisions on its recommendation concerning a high-level segments in the Economic and Social Council.

3. The Committee agreed that it was important to pay more attention to the way in which messages of the United Nations were transmitted to the international community. In this connection, it appreciated the increased outreach efforts by the Secretariat to non-governmental organizations, academics and other professional groups and the press, and encouraged the Department of International Economic and Social Affairs in cooperation with the Department of Public Information and other units concerned to continue their efforts in this regard.

4. The Committee also noted the increased cooperation between the Department of International Economic and Social Affairs and other entities, including the International Monetary Fund, the World Bank and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, and urged the Department to intensify its efforts for greater coordination.

5. The Committee was aware that the UNDP Governing Council decisions concerning national execution (decisions 89/20 and 90/21) and the new support cost arrangement, details of which were to be decided at the thirty-eighth session of the Council, in June 1991, might result in reorientation of the operational activities of the United Nations system, including the Department of Technical Cooperation for Development. In this connection, the Committee requested that the Department, when reviewing its activity in the light of new developments, take into account its important role of assisting the recipient Governments to strengthen their capacity for self-reliance.

6. The Committee reiterated its views that duplication of work between the Department of Technical Cooperation and UNDP should be avoided. In this connection, it understood that a report concerning the division of labour between the Department and UNDP was to be submitted to the UNDP Governing Council at its forthcoming session in June.

7. The Committee took note of the efforts at implementation made to date, as set out in the report of the Secretary-General (E/AC.51/1991/5).